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Compiled by A. L. LEAK, Clerk.

Next session of the Association will convene with the Ebenezer Baptist church, Wadesboro, N. C., beginning on Wednesday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1928. Rev. W. H. Shaw to preach the introductory sermon. Rev. A. B. Moore, alternate.

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Tanner, R S, Rt. A	Wadesboro "
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Allen, R C, Rt. 3	Marshville	"
Bennett, D	Wadesboro	"
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Bennett, W B, Rt. 1	McFarlan	"
Bennett, S S,	Wadesboro	"
Briley, Paul	Lilesville	"
Burch, W R, Rt. 2	Peachland	"
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Crowder, Green, Rt. 1	Polkton	"
Cox, L R	Ellerbee Springs	"
Dunlap, J D	Laurinburg	"
Diggs, Willie	Lilesville	"
Gatewood, C C	Monroe	"
Gaddy, E J	Wadesboro	"
Henry, H H	New York	
Huntley, Thomas		
Henry, Walter	Wadesboro,	N C
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Little, H L	Rock Hill S C	
Medlin, H	Peachland,	"
Martin, J H	Wadesboro	"
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Ratliff, S G, Rt. 1	Morven	"
Redfearn, N H, Rt. 1	Marshville	"
Sturdivant, S S,	Polkton	"
Spencer, J H, Rt. 2	Chesterfield, S C	
Smith, J	Laurinburg	"
Sturdivant, H B, Rt. 1	Morven	"
Staton, B F	Polkton	"
Thomas, W T	Monroe	"
Wall, S D, Rt. 1	Morven	"
Waddell, C H, Rt. 2	Morven	"
Wall, E B, Rt. 1	Pee Dee	"
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Winfield, Fairly	Peachland	"
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Medley, E D, Rt. 1	Wadesboro	"
Jackson, W S, Rt. A	Wadesboro	"
Sturdivant, B D	Wadesboro	"

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Cedar Creek J P Phillips, " A, Wadesboro "
Chambers Grove Frank Chambers,Jr., Rt. 1, Marshville "
Cool Spring T J Bivens, route 1, Morven "
Deep Creek J P Huntley, route 2, Peachland "
Elenezer G W Crowder, P.O.box 123, Wadesboro "
Elizabeth M J Q Robinson, Monroe "
Elizabeth P. D. Mrs J W Diggs, route 1, Pee Dee "
Flat Rock Jacob Parsons, route A, box 54, Wadesboro "
Fletcher's Grove C W Wade, route 3, box 8, McColl, S.C.
Flint Ridge O L Tanner, route 3, box 91,Marshville N.C.
Flint " w. Mrs Maggie Clyburn, Monroe "
Friendship W M Cauthan, route 3, box 7-c "
Gallilee J V Kendall, route 6, box 110, Albemarle "
Green Hill H P Phillips, route A, Wadesboro "
Long Pine S A Covington, route 1, box 68, Ruby, S. C.
Madison Grove S L Leak, route A, Wadesboro N C
Meltonsville..S O Chambers, route 1,box 34, Marshville "
McLain Grove David Ratliff, route 1, McFarlan "
Mt. Zion..Mrs. Hattie Jones, Polkton, "
Mt. Moriah J. D. Rivers, route 1, box 48, Marshville "
New Zion Preston A Thomas, Peachland "
New Grove Pleas Sturdivant, route 1, box 5, Peachland "
Nicy Grove M C Preson, box 59, Monroe "
Chilson Grove Mrs Sallie Diggs, Lilesville "
Olive Branch..J D Parker, route 1, Peachland "
Pleasant Hill Moses Liles, route 1, Morven "
Poplar Hill A D Gaddy, Jr., route 2, Peachland "
Poplar Spring W E Davis, route 2, Polkton "
Parsons Grove A D Byrd, box 1, Lilesville "
Ramah Grove W M Little, route 1, Morven "
Rockford E Sandy Clinton, route .., Lilesville "
Rockford W...W M Dean, route 1, Polkton "
Rock Spring..R A Hamer, box 206, Ruby, S C
Red Level
Sandy Ridge..M P Waring, route 2, Morven "
Saron R B McCoy, Polkton "
Shankle Grove A D Davis, Norwood "
St. Paul J D Evans, 1018 E Boundary St.. Charlotte "
Timmonsville R T Burch, route 1, box 37, Ruby, S.C. "
White Oak..L H Diggs, route 1, Morven "

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Cedar Creek--R R Robinson, H C Gainey, William Rorie
Chambers Grove--T C Chambers, Rev S S Thomas
Chilson Grove--David Dixon, Willie Diggs, George Pratt
Cool Spring--Ed Richardson, M S Smith
Deep Creek--J L Horne, B F Dargan
Ebenezer--G W Crowder, M P McGregor
Elizabeth M--W L Carter, J Q Robinson
Elizabeth P D--G W Diggs, H C Robinson
Flat Rock--Charlie Lilly, S H Waddell
Fletcher's Grove--C W Wade
Flint Ridge--R C Autry
Flint Ridge w--L V Gaddy, Tom Clyburn
Friendship--Joseph Medlin, Horrace Leveston
Gallilee--P A Davis, J W Watts
Green Hill--H P Phillips, J C Rorie, W S Jackson
Long Pine--L S Ledbetter, S A Covington, H F Davidson
Madison Grove--Henry L Leak, J C Cason
Meltonsville--Samuel Chambers, E S Chambers
McLean Grove--John Leak, Ervin Streater
Mt. Zion--S M Hubbard, Mack Crump
Mt Moriah--J D Rivers
New Zion--C C Horne, M T Thomas
New Grove--M P Bennett, Pleas Sturdivant
Nicy Grove--J C McCullors, W R Rivers
Olive Branch--J L Chambers
Pleasant Hill--Moses Liles, W C Sturdivant
Poplar Hill--J T Meadows, G W Tillman
Poplar Spring--W H Parker, W E Davis
Parsons Grove--G R West, S H Parsons, Jas A Bennett
Ramah Grove--A C Chavis, D Alston, _____ Redfearn
Rockford E--S M Marshall, Samuel Chambers
Rockford w--W N Dean, F W Watkins
Rock Spring--T L Little, Bail Ratliff, Major Sellers
Red Level--B C McLendon, A P Perry
Sandy Ridge--R B McCoy, James Waddell, M P Waring
Saron--Clem McDonald, Ceaphus Medley
Shankle Grove--A D Davis, Rev T C Dunlap
St. Paul--Revs H H Saunders & P M Mayfield
Timmonsville--J H Ratliff, G C Burch
White Oak--A L Diggs, Rev R C Cox, D M Coleman

Members of The Annuity Society

Revs J F Davis, B B Sturdivant, J R Faison, B F McManus, J E P Little
J T Ratliff, J C Ellerbee
Deacons--A L Leak, J E Little, W M Inram, S M Marshall, R R Robinson,
L S Ledbetetr, S M Chambers

PROCEEDINGS

Ramah Grove Baptist Church McFarlan, N. C.
Wednesday, October 12, 1927.

In accordance with previous arrangement, the Zion Missionary Baptist Association met in its 55th annual session today with the above named church of this place, Rev J E P Little, Moderator, presiding. Promptly at 10:45 a. m., the Association was called to order, with Rev P P Pegues conducting the praise services, as follows:

Hymn No. 520, "I love thy church O God," etc. Prayer by brother S M Hubbard. Hymn No. 158, "How sweet the name of Jesus sounds," etc. Prayer by brother A L Diggs. At the close of the praise seavice, Rev B B Sturdivant, accompanied by Rev W H Horne, ascended sacred rostrum to preach the opening sermon. Rev Horne read and sang hymn No. 344, "How happy is every child of grace," etc., and read the Scripture St. Matt. 7th chap. Prayer by Rev J C Ellerbee. Second hymn No. 378, "O for a heart to praise my God." Rev Horne introduced Rev Sturdivant, who arose and after preliminary remarks, announced as a text "The word of God is quick and powerful, sharper than any two edged sword." Hebrews 4:12. The sermon was very pointed, and served a good setting for the Associational work. Rev Horne closed the exercise by singing hymn No. 631 S M. Rev J C Ellerbee lifted the collection. Amount $14.00. Adjourned by Rev James Horne.

AFTERNOON SESSION

At 1:15 p. m., the Association was again called to order by brother J R Alsobrooks leading in the praise services as follows: Hymn No. 248 "Amazing grace how sweet it sounds," Prayer by Rev J L Chambers. 2nd hymn No. 379, "O for a faith that will not shrink," etc. Prayer by Rev C B Bethea.

Thus closed the praise service, and the Moderator came forward, made some timely remarks and announced the house open and in order for business.

Roll called of churches, officers and members.

The following members failed to answer to the roll call because they had answered over the river in the great beyond, viz: Revs W L Butler, I S A Hilliard, brothers J C Conrad, Cyrus Ratliff and M C Conrad.

Rev C B Pemberton, pastor of Gallilee and Streater Grove A M E Zion churches, came forward and extended welcome to the Association on behalf the Methodists of the community. Messrs. M L Ham and G A Martin, white, of Morven, extended welcome on behalf of the white citizens of the community. Mr. Ham emphasized the following points: Be law-abidg and law-enforcements; dependibility; be neighborly. He said in part: there was one good feature of our people that was commendable, that was we were more obedient to the 18th amendment to the Constitution than the white race, notwithstanding the fact, there were a goodly number of your race hauled into court on the charges of violating this law, in a greater per cent of the cases, some unworthy white man was at the back of it, and was only using your people as the "cat's paw." He urged on us, "to stop being used in such manner. Be prompt in meeting our obligations. Be loyal to the ministers, to the church and to God."

Mr. Martin, after paying a high tribute to the honorables of our race, such as the late Rt. Rev J W Hood and others, he launched out along the lines of industry, thrift, politeness, obeying the powers that be, etc. He said if we would be loyal, manly and respectfully, that the white man would stand by us. They did not want lynching, the good white folks would not stand for it. These were great speeches and we enjoyed every bit of them. We thanked them for their advice and granted them leave of absence.

The Cor. Sec'y made his report. See elsewhere for it.

The Association adjourned with the benediction by Rev J T Ratliff.

NIGHT SESSION

At 6:30 p. m., the Association re-assembled. Praise service conducted Rev J L Chambers as follows: Hymn No. 417, "Am I a solder of the cross." Prayer by Bro W R Rivers, 2nd hymn No. 492, "Amazing grace how sweet the sound," etc, Prayer by Rev B J Ivey. The praise service being concluded, the hour for preaching had arrived.

Rev J W Diggs who was on program to preach being absent, Rev W H Shaw, pastor of Parsons Grove and Chilson Grove churches, kindly consented to officiate in his stead. Revs W W Gist and J W Hawkins associated Rev Shaw in this service. Rev Hawkins lined hymn No. 378, "O for a heart to praise my God." Rev Gist read the

Scriptures Acts 9:1-16. Prayer by Rev J C Covington, 2nd hymn No. 559, "Go preach my gospel saith the Lord." The Moderator introduced Rev Shaw as the speaker of the hour, who came forward and announced as a text, "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that feareth him, and delivereth them." Ps. 34:7. Sublect: "God's protection." The sermon was enjoyed. Prayer by Rev W W Gist. Bro G R West lifted a collection, amount $17.20. The local program was then resumed.

Mrs Florence Marshall extended the welcome on behalf of the missionary sisters. Rev J R Faison extended welcome to the ministers. Rev B F McManus responded. Several committees were announced. The session adjourned with benediction by Rev C B Bethea.

SECOND DAY---MORNING SESSION

The Association assembled at 10 o'clock a. m., with Vice Moderator, Rev J W Diggs, in the chair, and conducting the praise services as follows. Hymn No. 196, "Come holy spirit heavenly dove," etc. Scripture reading Acts 3.1-7. Prayer by brother S H Parsons. 3nd hymn No. 164, "O for a thousand tongues to sing," etc. The praise service being ended, the Moderator came forward and announced the house open for business.

On motion the proceedings of yesterday and last night were read and approved,

Art. 11 of the Constitution was read, and after being discussed, it was decided no church was properly represented unless it contributed to missions. That the Constitution did not provide for the missionary and educational activities of our field, only ministerial education.

The Association proceeded with the program,

Rev J R Faison very ably presented the subject, "ministerial preparation." Much information was imparted, and we feel that we were greatly helped.

On motion Dr E W Burke of Gastonia, N. C., preach the sermon in place of Rev B F Calvin, who was absent.

Dr. Burke, accompanied by Dr. P M Mayfield to sit in stand. Rev Mayfield introduced the solemn services by using hymn No. 490, "I'm not ashamed to own my Lord," etc. Prayer by Rev B J Ivey. Rev Davis introduced Dr Burke, who arose and announced as a text, "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, but the word of God shall

stand forever." Isa. 40.8. The speaker swayed the congregation up in lectrical flight as he spoke on the authenticity and durability of God's word. While the speaker was teaching out of God's divine word, the holy Spirit came and witnessed the message, and we all were glad that we were there. "It is the old ship of Zion," etc., was sung; after which Dr Mayfield led in prayer.

Revs W H Horne and J A Little lifted a collection, amount $49.55.

The session adjourned with benediction by Dr Mayfield.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association re-assembled, the moderator presiding. Devotional services were conducted by Rev J F Davis as follows. Hymn No.305, 'I know that my redeemer lives,' etc. Prayer by Rev W M Allen. The moderator came to the chair and announced the house open for business.

An invitation was extended to visitors, to which Revs L W Wertze, Hamlet, N. C., H H Sanders, Rocky River Association, Sumpter, S. C., Dr W H Knuckles, Lumberton, N. C., and Dr W H Inman, Monroe, N. C., all came forward and were recognized. Revs Inman and Knuckles made remarks. Rev J F Davis was called to the chair to preside while the moderator delivered his annual address. For further information see the address.

On motion the address be received and referred to committee on moderator's address, viz: Revs J R Faison, J F Davis, C B Bethea.

The missionary sisters took charge of the program at this period. Sandy Ridge choir furnished music for this occasion, which was enjoyed by all. The program follows.

1. Remarks by Mrs. Isa. Hilliard, thanking the Association and friends for standing so loyal by her and children through the illness and death of her husband.

2. Mrs. E H Martin read a very good paper on the subject "Missionary Activities."

3. Mrs A C Robinson, the president, in a very graceful manner, made the report of the year's work done by them, and left a donation of $30 00 to be divided as follows: Scholarship for Elizabeth Monroe, Africa, $20.00; donation to the Association $10.00.

On motion a vote of thanks was tendered the sisters for the service, and the generous donation.

Collection. $7.00, was lifted and turned over to the sisters for_____

Dr L R Williams, pastor of Kesler Chapel A M E Zion church, Wadesboro, was presented, and was given a seat of welcome. Dr. Williams made remarks.

The session closed with benediction by Dr. Williams.

NIGHT SESSION

The Association re-assembled. The vice-moderator, Rev J W Diggs, conducting the devotional services as follows. Hymn No. 503 "I heard the voice of Jesus say," etc. Prayer by brother J P Parsons. 2nd hymn No. 434, "My times are in thy hand," etc. Prayer by brother W R Rivers. Rev E H Martin, who was on program to preach, being present, ascended the rostrum, accompanied by Revs J C Ellerbee and C B Bethea. Rev Bethea continued the services by reading hymn No. 305, "I know that my redeemer lives," etc. Rev Martin read the Scripture Eph. 6:1-10. Prayer by Dr L R Williams.

The moderator introduced Rev Martin, who came forward and announced as a text "Be strong." Eph. 6.10. Rev Martin preached a strong sermon; showing that we need strength in every walk of life, more especially on this christian pilgrimage.

"If I could hear my mother pray again," etc., was sung, led by Rev Michael. Prayer by Rev C B Bethea. Collection $12.16.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The Association assembled, the vice-moderator conducting the praise services as follows: Hymn No. 345, "My God the spring of all my joy." Prayer by Rev T C Dunlap. 2nd hymn No. 378, "O for a heart to praise my God," etc. Prayer by brother J C Cason. The moderator came to the chair and announced the Association in order for business.

On motion the proceedings of yesterday and last night were read and adopted.

The St. Paul church through its delegate, Rev H H Saunders, asked for letter of dismission to unite with the Rowan Association. On motion the letter was granted.

The Ordaining Board made its report. See elsewhere for report. On motion report adopted.

The following committees made reports, which were adopted, viz: On missions, on condition of the country, on moderator's address, on place. See appendix for reports. On motion the following brethren were elected delegates to Baptist Convention, to be held at Fayetteville, Nov. 1-4, 1927---Revs W H Horne, J F Davis and J E P Little.

On motion business be suspended to hear preaching. Rev H I Quick, who was to preach this sermon, being indisposed, asked Dr Mayfield to fill his place. Dr Mayfield accompanied by Rev J A Little, filled the stand. Hymn No. 242 was sung. Scripture lesson St. John 3:1-17, read by Dr Mayfield. Prayer by Rev J A Little. 2nd hymn No. 463, "Bless be the tie that binds," etc. Dr Mayfield, after being presented, arose and announced as a text, "Love the brotherhood, fear God 1 Peter 2;17. The theme of this discourse was love for the church of Christ. Many evidences of proof were introduced why we should love.

Prayer by Rev C W Marshall. A collection for Revs B J Parsons, B B Sturdivant and Mrs I. S. A. Hilliard was taken, amount $32.00. Mr G A Martin left a dollar to be given to Rev B J Parsons, which was put in this collection. Benediction by Dr. Mayfield.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association re-assembled, the moderator presiding. We praise God to C M hymn, and was led in prayer by brother James Rorie. The moderator announced the house ready for business. The finance committee made report. See report elsewhere in minutes. On motion the report be adopted.

The treasurer submitted his report. See report in the appendix. Report adopted.

The following resolution of thanks was offered by Rev C B Bethea: Since we have been so highly entertained by the good members of Ramah Grove Baptist church, surrounding friends and the good pastor, Rev J R Faison, be it resolved that we turn a vote of thanks to them by standing. The resolution was adopted.

The committee on obituary made the following report: The committee on obituary wishes to report that since our last Association the Lord has taken out of our midst

60 loved ones; among whom were Revs W L Butler and I. S A Hilliard. We bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well.

We recommend that we hold 20 minutes memorial service in honor of our loved ones who have departed this life.

Respectfully submitted, your Committee

The report was adopted, and we proceeded with the service. After singing one of Zion's melodies, prayer was offered by Rev J C Covington.

Rev J W Bennett of the A M E Zion connection was introduced, who came forward and made remarks. On motion the next Union Meeting will convene with the Long Pine Baptist church, beginning on Saturday before the 5th Sunday in January, 1928, at 11 o'clock a. m. Rev. J R Faison to preach the introductory sermon. Rev J T Ratliff, alternate. On motion adjourned to meet with the Ebenezer church, Wadesboro, Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1928.

REV. J. E. P. LITTLE, Moderator
A. L. LEAK, Clerk

APPENDIX

MODERATOR'S ANNUAL ADDRESS

Beloved Brethren and Friends:---

The wheels of time have brought us to the close of another Associational year---another year's work is done, How well done, the reports coming to this Association will in some measure indicate. We have great reasons to be thankful for the wonderful goodness of God toward us. While earthquakes, cyclones, floods and various distresses have visited other sections, our section has escaped. A gracious providence has presided over us. Human nature is hard to satisfy, but we should find nothing in our hearts but humble gratitude and sincere thanksgiving to our glorious heavenly father, who has so marvelously protected us from evil, and given us gracious and abundant prosperity.

It is an honor to greet you in this, the 55th annual session of this body. We are closing another year's work for our King. Your presence today shows that you have not turned aside either at Dan nor Bethel to pay homage to false ideals and selfish leadership, but have followed that spirit of christian fellowship which prompts us not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is. It is, indeed, a privilege for us to be together and inquire of one another. What hath God wrought? We should praise God today, that out of all the affiictions of the past there has come to us manifold blessings. The God whom we serve is still on the throne of the Universe, keeping over his own and directing the church in her earthly mission. Our opportunities are larger the means more abundant, and the time is near, when His ministers will be flying through the heavens with the everlasting gospel to preach to them that dwell on the earth. We should feel grateful to Almighty God for His guidance during this year, and the work done does not measure up to the numerical strength and possibilities of our great denomination, yet it evidences growth in unity of action and awakening of deeper interest and individual responsibility among the laity and larger sacrifices of means to advance the kingdom of Christ than at any period during our past history as an association. The good seed sown by our fathers and predecessors in the christian faith are still yielding rich returns. We today would not be what we are nor where we are, had not others come before us and blazed the way.

No greater assurance, therefore, of our labors being fruitful needs be sought elsewhere than in this large assemblage of splendid men and women of our fathers led to Christ, baptized into the fellowship of the church and taught the fine art of christian living and true citizenship. Our methods of work vary, but the gospel we spread is the same---one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God, and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

We believe in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man; that God made of one blood all men, and since Christ died for all, his blood is the only cure for sin.

Finally, brethren, preach the gospel; the world needs it today as it never needed it before in its history. The pow-

er of the devil is stronger in our times than ever before. All the forces of evil are turned loose in this generation and the feet of our people are running swift into the paths of destruction. There is no way to overcome these terrible things except through the power of the gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. There is no other name than His given under heaven among men whereby they can be saved. The plain, clear, not to be misunderstood, command of our Lord to us is to preach the gospel to every creature, and He said when you and I do that He will be with us always, even to the end of the world. But He never promised to be with us when we preach anything else besides the gospel. If you have been talking politics and social uplift, and sensational nonsense in His pulpit, just to catch the attention and applause of men, put all that down, dear brethren, and get back to the fire and fervor of that greatest of all human preachers, when he said, "Woe is me, if I preach not the gospel." If the trumpet is giving an uncertain sound in his pulpit where you stand, His people cannot prepare for the battle they must fight against the devil and his angels and the loss of the battle will be on you. Their blood will be on your hands. Do not therefore, I humbly beg you, degenerate the gospel of our Lord down to the standards of sinful men, but strive to regenerate sinful men through the grace of God up to the standards of the gospel. All these great evils that overwhelm us in our day and time have come to us because men have forsaken the gospel of our Lord. And they have forsaken it because we, His ministers, have not warned, and exhorted, and persuaded and commanded men everywhere to repent of their sins and forsake them and obey God, the sovereign Almighty Judge, who will not by any means clear the guilty, but will inevitably punish those who violate His law. Preach the gospel, dear brethren, with joy and hope. Never deceive your minds for one single moment with the fear that the devil and his followers, by their evil devices can destroy His gospel. They would just as well try to turn over stone mountains with a tooth pick for a lever, and a grain of mustard seed for a fulcrum. His word must have free course and be glorified. It cannot return unto him void. Until it has accomplished all whereunto He has sent it. We see from our little brief span of life here with a very narrow, limited vision,

but a thousand years in His sight but as yesterday when it is passed. Human change and decay, in all around we see, but He is the same yesterday, today and forever. Before Abraham was, He is, and heaven and earth shall pass away, but His word will remain. Therefore, dear beloved brethren, preach the gospel always, with joy and hope.

Why go to school? Dr. Mullins has significantly sad, a call to preach is a call to prepare to preach. Every bit of evidence in this connection found in inspired word shows that God either called prepared men, or prepared called men to preach.

The age in which we live demands fully trained ministers. There has never been an age that has not, no community, regardless of how backward, no church, regardless of how primitive, requires less than a fully trained pastor. The burden is upon us as under-shepherds to aspire to be types of the great Shepherd, rather than gravitating to the plane of a given community at a given church.

There is a universal sameness in the message we preach, in the personalities we meet, in the problems we face, and in the short comings we possess that demands an efficiently and effectively trained minister in every community urban or rural.

Again every minister today should strive to be a christian scholar. There is some unfortunate confusion on this point. We do not mean an icy matter of fact, know-all, a man with head religion, but minus heart-religion. By a christiah scholar, we mean, one who is intensely spiritual, fervently active in winning lost souls, and completely equipped in knowledge and experience, with the truth as contained in God's comprehensive revelation. We need such men in every pulpit, as well as in the chairs of our educational institutions.

MISSIONS.---The greatest claim upon this Association is the work of missions. Under the Great Captain our marching orders are. "Go ye, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatever I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come. Matt. 24, 14th.

Our foreign work will not suffer, if the home churches are aroused to their full duty and every member is made to feel that he or she has a part in God's program of missions.

My dear brethren, I want to ask in a few words, let us stand by the mission women in their work, in our home churches. They are doing a great work for the Lord. When I was at Weldon, N. C., at the Baptist State Convention, when the mission women gave $200.50 for Shaw, I was happy to know that the mission women of this Association helped to raise that money.

Christ has no hands but our hands to do His work today,
He has no feet but our feet to lead men in His way.
He has no tongues but our tongues, to tell men how He died.
He has no help, but our help to bring them to His side.
What if our hands are busy with other work than His?
What if our feet are walking where sin's allurement is?
What if our tongues are speaking of things, His lips would spurn?
How can we hope to help Him, and hasten His return?

That is the spirit which these workers have manifested. It has kindled and fed the fires of prayer for missions in the churches, in the secret closet, around the family altar, in the regular meetings of the organizations, and during the special seasons of prayer, the W M U has carried the work of the kingdom to the throne of grace.

Becoming modesty and humility, they have not pushed themselves forward. They have sought for nothing themselves, save a place in which to serve and a measure of sympathy and co-operation. They have not always received this, but they have gone on in their own quiet way and served their Lord.

Unbroken unity, It has been left to the men to come together and debate their creeds and disagree over methods while the work of the Lord has suffered, but the W M U has come through years with unbroken unity, with the vision of a lost world ever before them; they have had too much to do to stop and wrangle. In every call that has come they have responded with united front, And there isn't anything this Association needs more than it needs to catch that spirit. In this

hour of all hours we need to face our God-given task with united ranks.

Untiring zeal. The work of the W M U has not been of the spasmodic kind. It has been carried on with a steady, untiring zeal that has lasted throughout the year. Like the fire on the altar of old which has kept burning all the time, so the W M U has kept the fires of enthusiasm burning throughout the days and weeks of the year, Long before the churches were talking systematic giving, the women were practicing it. There come times when special efforts must be made, but the work of the kingdom cannot be carried on successfully by occasional seasons of enthusiasm and effort. The spirit that wins is that spirit of untiring zeal that lasts 365 days in the year.

Whole Hearted Devotion. The watch-word has ever been, ye serve the Lord Christ. I believe the secret of the successful work of the W M U is to be found just here in their whole hearted devotion to Jesus.

One of the most thrilling stories of history is that of Florence Nightingale, who gave herself and her all to the service of suffering humanity. Near the close of her life she said to a company of friends, "If I could tell you all, you would that God has done all and I have done nothing. I have worked hard, very hard, that is all, and I have never refused God anything." Those last words gave the secret, she never refused God anything. When God wanted her life she gave Him that; when God wanted her wealth, she gave him that, she never refused God anything. And that has been the spirit of the women of the Southland. They have never refused God anything. When God has wanted their time, they have given that; when God has wanted their money, they have given that. When God has wanted their sons and daughters, they have laid them on the altar. May that be the spirit of this Baptist Association. In this hour when God is calling, may we not refuse God anything. Stone walls do not a prison make, nor iron bars a cage. That was true of Paul and Silas; that was true of John Bunyan. It is true of all who enjoy mental and spiritual freedom.

But prisons may be made without stone walls, and cages without iron bars. A mind closed to the truth is in prison; prejudices are iron bars that become soul cages; only those whom the truth makes free are free indeed. Sin is a state of bondage, from which only Jesus can set the prisoners free.

My dear brethren, I want to thank you so much for the fixed budget this year for foreign missions, state missions, home missions and for Shaw, and for ministerial education, girls education and for young men's education.

RECOMMENDATIONS, a. We hope to stand by our State in doing home and foreign mission work.

b. We further recommend that we carry out the intentions in the circular letters coming from our corresponding secretary, ordered by Executive Committee.

c. We recommend that this Association will have two ministerial conferences annually, conducted by Dr. J. H. Moore.

d. We recommend that all of the ministers will, that can go to Shaw, to the seven weeks term of school for ministers in January 1928.

Respectfully yours

J E P LITTLE, Moderator

Treasurer's Report

B B Sturdivant, Treasurer, in account with Zion Association, submits the following report for the fiscal year ending Oct. 11, 1927 :

Receipts---Oct. 12, 1926.	Brought forward			$530.10
Oct. 13, 1926.	Rec'd from	J R Alsobrooks, in full		31.00
" 13, "	"	" Poplar Hill church on note		90.00
" 15, "	"	" Fin'ce Com. pub. col.		122.49
" 15, "	"	" Representing fee, etc.		566.58
" 31, "	"	" Union meeting, Rep. fee		18.00
" "	"	" " " Pub. col.		20.36
" "	"	" Mt. Zion, back dues		3.10
Nov. 11, "	"	" Masonic & K P Lodges		165.00
Jan. 30, 1927,	R'c'd from	Union m't'g, Rep. fee		34.55
" "	"	" " " Shaw University		18.35
" "	"	" " " Public collections		31.97
Mar 12 "	Ebenezer church on note			44.00

May 28	"	Poplar Hill church on note	53.00
" 29	"	Union meeting, Rep. fee	29.78
		" " Public collections	20.85
		" " Shaw University	43.25
		Joint " for Shaw	17.92
		New Zion church, back dues	4.90
July 11,		Poplar Hill ch. in full	10.00
Oct.		Madison Grove church, in full	100.00
		Total receipts, - - -	$1955.20

Disbursements---

Oct. 15, '26	1.	J H Moore, missions	$ 6.25
"	2	J E P Little, moderator's service	25.00
"	3	A L Leak, Sec. service and exps.	35.00
"	4	B B Sturdivant. Treas. serv, & exp.	15.00
"	5	G W Baucum, cor. sec. serv. & exp.	33.43
"	6	John Covington, sexton	3.00
"	7	W T Crowder, donation Meltonville ch.	5.00
"	8	G W Baucum, exps. of ex. com.	22.00
"	9	G R West, exps. of finance com.	9.00
"	10	B J Parsons. donation	20.01
"	11	B J sturdivant "	7.01
"	12	V B R Bowman "	7.01
"	13	H D Tillman, "	7.01
"	14	D A Tillman "	7.01
"	15	Mrs Hattie Watts,donation,C Bennett	10.00
"	16	T C Chambers, dona'n Chambers Grv.	10.00
"	17	J F Davis, exps. of ordaining board	6.50
"	18	Mrs Lucy Thompson, donation	5.00
"	19	S H Waddell, donation to Flat Rock ch.	15.00
" 31	20	J E P Little, del. exps. to State Con.	25.00
"	21	J E P Little, missions and education	101.67
"	22	J C Ellerbee, Mod. U. M,	4.00
"	23	J T Ratliff, Sec. U M	5.00
"	24	T C Chambers, donat'n Chambers Gr.	10.00
"	25	J H Chambers, sexton	1.00
"	26	A L Leak, donation People Enterprise	5.00
"	27	V B R Bowman, donation	3.05
"	28	B J Sturdivant, donation	3.05
Nov. 29	29	A L Leak for printing minutes	100.00
" 29	30	A L Leak, distributing minutes 2 yrs.	10.00
Jan. 30 '27	31	J C Ellerbee, moderator U. M	4.00
"	32	J T Ratliff, secretary U M	4.00
"	33	J P Parsons, donation Flat Rock	10.00

"		34	Jessie Jones, sexton	1.50
"		35	J F Davis, for Shaw University	75.00
"		36	Mrs Catherine Crowder, donation	5.00
Feb.	26	37	K D Crowder, Trustee Mel'vlle ch. loan	500.00
May	29	38	J C Ellerbee, moderator U M	4.00
"	29	39	J T Ratliff, sec'y "	4.00
"	29	40	Lonny Burch, sexton	1.00
"	29	41	G C Burch, donation Timmonsville ch.	10.00
"	29	42	L V Gaddy, donation Flint Ridge W.ch.	10.00
"	29	43	L W Thomas, donation People's Entp'se	5.00
"	29	44	J F Davis for Shaw University	58.52
Aug.	6	45	Henry C Gainey, Trus.Cedar C'k ch. loan	200.00
"	6	46	I S A Hilliard, donation	40.00
"	9	47	J F Davis, del exp. to Lot Cary Conv.	30.00
Oct.	1	48	W H Melton, donation Madison Grv. ch.	25.00

Total disbursements	$1503.03
Balance in Treasury	452.17

Summary Report---

Running expenses, including printing, etc.	287.43
State and foreign missions	81.33
Aged ministers	54.15
Donated to churches	95.00
Loaned to churches for building purposes	700.00
Shaw University	160.12
Given for boys' education	10.00
Miscellaneous contributions	115.00

Assets---

Cash on hand	$452.17
Due by Ebenezer church	313.20
" by Mrs Roberta Robinson	75.00
" by Masonic & K P Lodges	49.82
" by Meltonsville church	500.00
" by Cedar Creek church	200.00
Total Assets	$1,590.09

Respectfully submitted, B B Sturdivant, Treas.
of Zion Association.

After carefully going over the credits, debits, vouchers and paper of the treasurer, finds correct in every respect. This Oct. 12, 1927. J. C. Cason, Auditor

Ordaining Board's Report

McFarlan, N. C., Oct. 11, 1927.

The ordaining board met at Ramah Grove Baptist church for the purpose of looking after the eccleastical work of the field and for the purpose of examining those who were aspiring to the full work of the ministry. The following young men were present to be examined. Bros. B B Sturdivant, Jr., W P Briley and W A Henry. Bro Briley was requested to preach, accompanied by brother B B Sturdivant, Jr. The examination of each resulted in the following per ct. Bros W P Briley 49 per ct,; brother B B Sturdivant 26 per ct., W A Henry 22 per ct. 60 per ct. being the minimum requirement, we asked the brethren to pursue their studies. There is nothing that greaves us more than to close the way against any man entering the highest rank of the gospel ministry; although we view with inexpressible regreat that so many young men with shameful inefficiency are striving with a greater energy to enter the highest rank of the gospel ministry, than they are to prepare themselves for the responsibility that awaits those who enter. We also discover with sadness that they are not able to see with true manliness that they are entering a position in which they will be the choice or the refusal of others, and that they will most likely be the refusal. We would therefore recommend that they will begin from the books they can master, and then pursue the regular school course until they can read the Bible fluently. Then in connection with the Bible, that they will study the life of Christ and the life of Paul and the doctrines of the Bible together with some reliable theology. Pendleton can be had for $1.50. Booth's plain theology for 90c. When these are thoroughly studied, you are prepared to grow in the ministry. We also look with uncompromising objection on the disposition of some of our ministers who indulge in trying to organize churches in communities which rightly belong to churches already organized and where it is impossible to grow into an independant body. Independancy does not mean doing as you please, but being able to support comfortably the home needs and co-operate freely in the spread of the gospel to mankind, and also from the social atmosphere of our Association, and for the best for all concerned. We would recommend that those who hold the money of our Association will give sufficient bond for

the security of the same. Respectfully submittted, the ordaining board. Revs J T Ratliff, Chairman
J F Davis, Sec'y

COMMITTEES REPORT

On Place We, your committee on place and time, recommend that the next session of Zion Association be held with the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Wadesboro, N. C., beginning on Wednesday before the 3rd Sunday in Oct., 1928; Rev W H Shaw to preach the introductory sermon; Rev A B Moore alternate. Respectfully, G W Crowder, Chair. of Com.

On Moderator's Address..Whereas, the moderator's address was full of thought and so inspiring, and the recommendations so much needed to be put in practice, we therefore recommend that it be printed in the minutes, so it may be read over the entire field. Respectfully, Committee. Rev C B Bethea, Chair.

On missions..Since it is Christ's object that the church should promote the work of missions, home, state foreign, we urge 1st, that we renew our energy in our various fields to give a better support to all of the objects for which our denomination stands. 2nd. That shall encourage and assist as far as possible those who are trying to carry out the missionary spirit. We further recommend the hearty support and approval of all our mission schools of this denomination that are preparing boys and girls for christian work. We do ask that each member of this field do stand by the work of our Association and catch the missionary spirit. Respectfully your committee, Rev W H Horne, Chr.

On the condition of the country..Your committee view with regret the dissatisfaction, and the pace the world is going into idleness, sin and idolatry. The great commodity, cotton, which is the main financial support of the South, has been badly infested by the boll-weevel and floods. We are thankful to realize a better price than we received last year for our produce. We wish to further state our ministers are preaching the everlasting gospel in its purity. They are crying aloud and sparing not, yet there is much to be accomplished. In order for the God given message to better the condition of the community as a whole, we must

practice what is preached. We have heard enough sermons since last year this time, seemingly, from the burning throne of God, to have turned this benighted land into an Eden. Why we are not more benefitted by the everlasting gospel, we fear its because we are too much like the dead sea, which receives all, gives none, therefore becomes stagnant.

When we allow ourselves to be used as paws for others, we are stagnant. When we speak of the 18th amendment to the Constitution as nothing, we hereby stamp our disapproval of any man for the candidacy for the chief executive of our country, regardless to party affiliation, who do not come out and out for the maintenance and enforcement of the 18th amendment of the Constitution.

We urge that the people as a whole, to better the condition of the country by going to church and hearing the gospel and practice the same. It is the only medium through which we can be saved, and conquer this world for Jesus Christ. The Bible teaches that we are the salt of the earth as long as we retain our saving value by listening to our leaders and be law-abiding citizens. Dedicate and re-consecrate ourselves and our lives will lead the world to Christ. Respectfully your committee.

W M Dean, Chairman

Report of Corresponding Secretary

Dear Brethren—12 months ago we left Meltonsville, after making our yearly report, and mingled with the world to dessiminate the burning message that Jesus died to save the world, and because of this great effort many souls were brought to Christ, baptized and fellowshipped into the christian church. We believe the world is growing better.

We met at Wadesboro, February, ult., and made a loan to the Meltonsville church to help forward the work of the new building.

July, made a loan to the Cedar Creek church to bore a well, which amount will be stated in the Treas. report.

July 7th. An advisory board, consisting of the ordaining board and Ex Com. met with the Friendship church

to help it reason out a misunderstanding between church and pastor, which meeting resulted in a unanimous understanding, and the bringing together of the two factions in love and harmony.

July 30. The different boards met at Wadesboro to consider a budget plan to raise money to function the different objects of Zion field, viz: raising money for missions, christian education, Shaw University, and help further a progressive spirit in Zion field. Yours in Christ, G W Baucum, Cor. Sec. of Z M B Asso'n.

Finance Committee's Report

CHURCHES	Rept'ng Fee	State & foreign missions	Christian Education	Aged ministers	Shaw University	Total
Bethel	1 60	50		40	80	3 30
Brown Creek	15 20	$10.		2 00	3 24	30 44
Cedar Creek	11 40	3 00		1 00	5 32	20 72
Chambers Grove	2 30	34		25	30	9 19
Chilson Grove	2 60	50	50	50		4 10
Cool Spring	2 10	25		50	61	3 46
Deep Creek	66 50					66 50
Ebenezer	3 70	50		50	90	5 60
Elizabeth M	26 47	50		50		27 47
Elizabeth P.D.	4 80			25		5 05
Flat Rock	4 50	50		1 00	5 37	11 37
Fletcher's Grove	6 74			50		7 24
Flint Ridge	15 30	2 00		1 00	4 40	22 70
Flint Ridge-W	90	25		25	1 20	2 60
Friendship	7 00	50		50		8 00
Gallilee	2 10	1 00		1 00	36	4 46
Green Hill	40	50		50	50	1 90
Long Pine	6 00	2 71		1 07	3 00	12 78
Madison Grove	6 45	4 70	1 50	1 00	4 00	17 65
Meltonsville	64 90	50				65 40
McLean Grove	7 10	5 96		1 00	2 90	16 96
Mt. Zion	4 50	1 00		3 00	2 40	10 90
Mt. Moriah	1 30	1 00		1 00		3 30
New Zion	9 80					9 80
New Grove	8 60	1 00		1 00	3 40	14 00
Nicy Grve	18 00	1 00	50	50	4 00	23 00
Olive Branch	92	25		25		1 42
Pleasant Hill	4 50		25	25	2 75	7 75
Poplar Hill	7 50	50		50	5 00	13 50
Parsons Grove	57 30			1 00		52 50
Poplar Spring	16 30	4 09		1 60	1 00	22 99
Ramah Grove	18 00	50		50	7 80	26 80
Rockford E	13 00	1 00		1 00	6 48	21 48
Rockford W	18 80		50	1 00	2 00	22 30
Rockspring	7 00	1 00		1 00	1 00	10 00
Red Level						
Sandy Ridge	16 30	6 02		4 00	5 16	36 48
Saron	5 50	1 00		60	4 25	11 35
Shankle Grove	5 00	1 00		50	2 00	8 50
St. Paul	14 60			1 00	6 40	25 00
Timmonsville	6 60	50		50		7 60
White Oak	13 30	8 50		1 00	5 00	27 80

Summary of Finance Committee's Report

Received, representing fee	$495.11
" State and foreign missions	62.07
" christian education	3.25
" for aged ministers	33.32
" Shaw University	92.53
" from W H M Convention, scholarship	20.00
" from W H M " donation	10.00
" by public collections	123.91
" from Ministerial Annuity Society	20.00
"	15,31
Total receipts Association	$875.53
From Union Meetings	
Representing fee	90.33
Shaw University	79.52
Public collections	73.18
Total from Union meetings	$243.23
Total receipts for the y'r	$1118.76

Yours, Finance Committe, W P Waring, Chr.

Recapitulation of Reports—

Number of churches representing	41
Number candidates baptized	327
Present membership	5,755
Value of church property	$69,900.00

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This body shall be known as the Zion Missionary Baptist Association.

Art. 2. The primary object of this Association shall be to increase the spirit and efficiency of the churches, to support the gospel in destitute places among us, to assist the churches in the erection of suitable buildings for worship; to organize churches and Sunday Schools whenever practicable; to raise contributions for State, Home and Foreign Missions, and to co-operate with the Union Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in all of its plans of educational and missionary work.

Art. 3. This Association shall be composed of regular Baptist churches, in good standing, and in full practice of the faith, discipline, ordinances, and of the doctrines of regular Baptist denominations. Also of the regular ministers in good standing in the churches in the bounds of the Association, and messengers elected annually by the churches of this body.

Art. 4. The officers of this Association shall be a moderator, vice-moderator, recording and corresponding secretary, treasurer, an auditor, an executive committee of seven, and an ordaining board. The moderator, recording secretary and treasurer shall constitute three members of the executive committee. These officers shall be elected annually and hold their offices until their successors are elected.

Art. 5. The moderator shall preside at all meetings or call some brother to fill the chair, and enforce order in accordance with the Rules of Decorum and Constitution. He shall settle points of order, give the casting vote in case of a tie, and appoint all committees unless otherwise ordered by the body.

Art. 6. The recording secretary shall perform the usual duties belonging to such office He shall sign all orders drawn on the treasurer.

Art. 7. Corresponding Sec'y shall take charge of all the correspondence between this Association and other bodies. All communications and appeals to the various churches of this field shall be sent to him. He shall be ex officio secretary to the executive committee.

Art. 8. The Treasurer of this Association shall be treasurer of the Union meeting. He shall hold all monies and valuable papers belonging to this Association. He shall pay orders only when they are properly drawn and signed by the moderator and secretary. He shall give an annual report to this body, preceded by an examination and endorsement of the Auditor. He shall give bond to the full security of the Association property in his hands.

Art. 9. The executive committee shall have full charge of the Association when it is not in session They shall draw the plans of operation for the field approved by the Association. All claims on the treasurer of this body must be presented to the executive committee. They shall meet as often as called together by the corresponding secretary and moderator and shall make full report of their work to the Association through the corresponding secretary. Three members shall constitute a quorum.

Art. 10. The ordaining board shall have supervision of the ecclesiastical department of the Association. They shall examine all applicants for ordination, and pass on the credentials of all members of this body. All requests for ministerial aid from this Association must be recommended by the ordaining board.

Art. 11. Any regular Baptist church may continue its membership in this Association by the payment of ten (10) cents per capita for each of its members. (Said 10 cents is also the representation fee into the various Union Meetings.) Two-fifths of which shall be used for general expenses, and three-fiftds for ministerial education, and by raising more ey for missions. Any church failing to come up to the financial requirements of the Association shall not be considered in good standing and not allowed to enroll until satisfaction is rendered to this body by such church.

Art. 12. Newly constituted churches, or churches dismissed from other deliberative bodies of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this Association by sending their messengers to an annual meeting with letters of petition and agreeing to the declaration of principles laid down in God's word

Art. 13. The members convened in the Association shall have no ecclesiastical or disciplinary power over the churches.

Art. 14. The Association shall meet annually, and be composed of not more than three messengers from each church, with a letter giving the condition of the church. Said meeting to convene on Wednesday before the sermon and continue in session until business is completed. The Union Meeting shall meet on Friday before each fifth Sunday or often as may deem practicable, and should there fail to be a place for a Union Meeting at the session, the Executive Committee shall find a location and notify the field immediately through the Corresponding Sec.

Art. 15. No difficulty between churches or church shall be heard by this Association until Gospel steps have been fully taken outside of this body to settle the difficulty.

Art. 16. Any church, a member of this body, that is corrupt in practice or doctrine, after Gospel steps have been taken to reclaim it, and it persists in its course, shall no longer be a member of this body, and the reason in full shall be published in the minutes, Any church failing to represent by letter or messengers two successive years, shall be visited by suitable admonition, and if it neglects to represent the third year, it shall be dropped from this Association.

Art. 17. All visiting ministers shall be welcomed to seats among us, but not allowed to vote.

Art. 18. The Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present. Provided such amendments shall be submitted on the 1st day of the sitting of the Association and adopted on a subsequent day.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS & THEIR POSTOFFICE	Sabbath of preaching	Baptized	Rec'd & Rest'd	Dis'd & Excl'd	Died	Membership
Bethel	L V Gaddy, Route 1 Polkton, N.C						16
Brown Creek	J A Little, Chesterfield, S C	3	16	1	1		172
Cedar Creek	J R Faison Wadesboro "	1	11	2		4	144
Chambers Grove	S S Thomas " "	2	2				93
Chilson Grove	W H Shaw Laurinburg "	4	3		7		46
Cool Spring			3		9		28
Deep Creek	H I Quick Rockingham "	2-4	22	1	3	6	685
Ebenezer	J R Faison Wadesboro "	3		3	11		52
Elizabeth M	W H Inman Monroe "	ev'y	2	3	24		178
Elizabeth P.D.	J F Davis Monroe "	2	2	5		1	48
Flat Rock	R S Tanner, route A, Wadesboro "	3	5	6	2		65
Fletcher's Grove		3	14		97	5	94
Flint Ridge	B B Sturdivant Folkton "	2	14	1	15	2	183
Flint Ridge W	L V Gaddy, route 1 Polkton "		6	6	3	1	24
Friendship	B F Colvin, York, S C			5		4	105
Gallilee	J E P Little, route 1, Wadesboro "	3	4	1	1		37
Green Hill	W H Horne, route 1 Morven "	3		1	3		24
Long Pine	B D Sturdivant Wadesboro "	3	3	2	9	1	90
Madison Grove	J F Davis Monroe "	4	1	1	1		110
Meltonsville			36	4	3	14	679
McLean Grove	J A Little, Chesterfield, S C	1	10	3	1		91
Mt. Zion		4		8	1	1	65
Mt. Moriah	J C Chambers, route 1, Marshville "		2	2	1	1	33
New Zion	E H Martin Wadesboro "	3	6	1	11	3	118
New Grove	W G Flake Norwood "	1	6	2	37		106
Nicy Grve	E H Martin Wadesboro "	1	19	2	10	1	210
Olive Branch	J L Chambers Monroe "	3	4				22
Pleasant Hill	R L Michael, route 2, Peachland "	1	10		2	1	55
Parsons Grove	W H Shaw Laurinburg "	1	26	18	8	5	528
Poplar Spring	J A Little, Chesterfield, S C	2	8		5		193
Ramah Grove	J R Faison Wadesboro "	2	21	3	12	7	200
Rockford E	B F McManus, Cheraw, S C	1	4	2	7	1	160
Rockford W	C W Marshall, Cheraw, S C	2	6				198
Rockspring	J C Ellerbee, box 215, Morven "	3	14	4	4		95
Red Level							
Sandy Ridge	B F McManus, Cheraw, S C	3	6	1	2	1	183
Saron	W W Gist Salisbury "	2	5		16		85
Shankle Grove	L R Winford Salisbury "		1			2	50
St. Paul	P M Mayfield, 810 S Long, Charlotte "		18	30	2	8	146
Timmonsville	W H Horne, route 1 Morven "	1	4	2	1	3	81
White Oak	J A Little, Chesterfield, S C	4	10	1		1	158
Popar Hill	W G Flake Norwood "	3	3	1	1		105

FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Pastors Salary	Building or Repairs	Church Exp's	Missions	Education	Charity	Total	Value of church property
Bethel	75 00		2 70		80	40	78 95	
Brown Creek	225 00	43 24	32 50	10 00	6 24	24 20	331 18	2 500
Cedar Creek	175 00	174 00	64 40	3 00	5 32	1 00	422 72	
Chambers Grove	125 00	45 06	9 30	34	30	50	180 50	1 330
Chilson Grove	300 00		4 60	50	50	50	306 10	
Cool Spring	30 00	2 00	3 60	25	1 25	50	37 60	
Deep Creek	600 00		174 20	40	39 2	00 165	49 982	08
Ebenezer	378 00	50 00	80 20	50	2 11	50	491 31	
Elizabeth M.	619 58	183939	347 95	50	3 50	50	281142	
Elizabeth P.D.	175 00	170 00	4 80	16 17	1 68	38 38	404 35	
Flat Rock	175 00	22 00	31 40	50	5 37	1 00	235 27	
Fletchers Grove	600 00		28 00	9 20	1 26	20 50	658 96	
Flint Ridge	250 00		21 80	2 00	5 40	22 35	306 65	
Flint Ridge W	75 00	52 15	4 60	25	2 72	25	134 97	
Friendship	500 00	50 00	40 50	50	1 00	50	592 50	
Callilee	179 00	5 00	19 44		3 25	9 00	215 67	
Green Hill	150 00	78 00	2 60	50	1 50	50	233 10	
Long Pine	200 00	75 00	24 00	2 71	5 84	1 07	308 62	
Madison Grove	210 00	177 50	26 08	14 78	6 60	13 27	387 58	3 500
Meltonsville	230 10	145952	74 45	50	1 00		176557	
McLean Grove	250 00	32 21	39 34	5 96	3 40	1 00	331 81	
Mt. Zion	250 00		17 50	1 00	3 40	3 00	274 90	
Mt. Moriah	65 00	30 00	9 30	1 00		1 00	116 30	
New Zion	141 78		186 80	8 60	2 00	17 00	356 10	
New Grove	175 00	65 96	10 60	1 00	5 40		257 00	
Nicy Grove	260 00	61 96	196 28	1 60	8 00	50 32	577 56	
Olive Branch	78 12		2 20	25	75	25	81 56	
Pleasant Hill	100 00		14 50	25	3 75	25	118 75	1 000
Poplar Hill	150 00	208 25	10 75	50	5 00	50	375 00	150 00
Parsons Grove	820 00	20 00	67 80	1 00		1 00	907 80	
Poplar Spring	250 00	40 40	49 30	4 09	5 00	1 60	350 39	
Ramah Grove	235 00	15 00	20 00	50	7 80	50	278 80	
Rockford E.	225 00		66 00	13 00	6 48	1 00	310 48	
Rockford W.	300 00	50 00	163 42	7 00	3 50	1 00	521 92	
Red Level								
Rock Spring	200 00	400 00	9 50	1 00	3 70	1 00	615 20	
Sandy Ridge	500 00	24 60	18 30	6 00	9 16	4 00	561 96	
Saron	300 00	117 75	108 47	1 00	7 65	60	525 47	
Shankle Grove	123 60	56 50	17 00	1 00	2 00	50	200 60	
St. Paul	1 800	800 00	214 60	3 00	6 40	1 00	282500	8 000
Timmonsville	200 00		11 60	50	3 60		210 76	
White Oak	300 00		57 70	8 50	7 50	1 00	374 76	

MINUTES
of the
Woman's Home & Foreign Miss. Convention
of Union and Anson Counties, Auxiliary to Zion Association
held with the Brown Creek Baptist Church,
Wadesboro, N. C., Aug. 20-21, 1927.

OFFICERS FOR 1928

Mrs A C Robinson, 321 ch. ave., Monroe, N C., President.
" G W Baucum, route A, box 36, wadesboro, Vice-President.
" I S A Hilliard, box 293, wadesboro, Rec. Sec.
" C C Horne, route 1, Peachland, cor. sec.
" M F Little, route 1, wadesboro, Treasurer
Executive Board—Mrs C C Boulware, box 52, Monroe, chairman
" Julia Redfern, Monroe
" Lizzie Boggan Polkton
" Mary Crowder wingate
" Alberta Davis Polkton
" Lessie Allen Lilesville
" Julia C Bennett, route A, wadesboro

PROCEEDINGS

Brown Creek Baptist Church,
Wadesboro, N. C., Aug. 20 21, 1927

The 17th annual meeting of the Woman's Home & Foreign Missionary Convention held with the local Circle of Brown Creek Church on the above date, Rev J A Little, pastor.

The convention was called together with delegates from New Grove leading praise service. With hearts full of thankfulness to God for the privilege of meeting in another annual gathering made this a most glorious praise service. The president being absent, the vice-president (Mrs G W Baucum) came forward, announced that sister Eliza Thomas would conduct the Bible lesson. Sister Thomas read the 15th Psalm. Many helpful points were brought out by Rev Davis, brother Leak and others. The president having arrived, was asked to come forward, of which she did, and made remarks. After which, the reading of the minutes of the last session, which were approved. Mrs Julia Gatewood of the A M E Zion church was given a seat of welcome. She made remarks. Rev Davis spoke briefly of our budget plan. After which sister Bennett Watts lift-

ed an offering of $4.25. Rev Davis asked God's blessing upon the offering.

Afternoon---We re-assembled for the afternoon session, with delegates from Madison Grove, Ramah Grove and Poplar Hill leading praise service. At the close of this service the president made remarks; then the calling of the roll. After singing a verse of nearer my God to thee, Bro A L Leak and the pastor, Rev J A Little came forward and lifted our hearts to a high atmosphere from the many good things they said to us. Then we were asked to join Rev Little in a prayer for Rev and Mrs I S A Hilliard. He being seriously ill in a hospital in Charlotte. Then the assignment of homes, after which we listened to two most cordial welcome addresses accorded us by brother Richmond Sturdivant on the part of the church and Mrs Cassie Crowder (which was a master piece) on the part of the Circle. Response by Miss Etta Belle Brewer. All of which carried us as it were on eagles' wings in our aspirations to do work for the master, that we may always receive a cordial welcome wherever we go. Next was the appointing of committees, as follows: On officers, Mesdames Amy Ratliff, Hattie B Watts, L S Ledbetter, Fannie Teal, S S Waddell. Time and place, Mesdames Estelle Crowder, Etta Lilly, Hattie Bivens. Obituary, Mesdames Lenora Chavis, Flora Austin, Atha Phillips. Fraternal delegates to Pee Dee Union, Mesdames M F Little and I S A Hilliard. Fraternal delegate to Yadkin-Philadelphia Union, Mrs Eliza Thomas.

Sunday A. M. The session opened at 10:30 o'clock, with Mrs Hattie Bivens, Misses Etta Belle Brewer and Alberta Covington leading praise service. At the close of this service the meeting was turned over to the president. She spoke briefly and turned the services over to mother Sunshine and her children. This was a most excellent program. Bro Leak responded to these young people in such a pleasing manner that all were made to feel good. Then the president resumed her seat, made remarks and asked for the closing of the door for the quiet moments. On the opening of the doors the pastor, Rev J A Little, arose and read for a lesson the 1st 48 verses of John. Prayer by Rev Frank Staton. 2nd hymn No. 239, "I heard the voice of Jesus say," etc. Prayer by Rev Blakeney. Then the pastor arose and announced for a text John 36:8. If the truth makes you free you shall be free indeed. We truly could

say with John that we were in the spirit on the Lord's day, while the man of God broke to us the bread of life. At the close of this great sermon, Rev H Medly led in a fervent prayer. Then the officers came forward and lifted the pastors' collection, which amounted to $28.60. The pastor lifted an offering of $13.33 for missions. Adjourn for dinner. After dinner we re-assembled, had a strong praise service, and reports of committees as follows:

We, your committee on officers beg leave to submit the following, that we retain our same officers to serve us for another year. See committee.

We, your committee on time and place, beg to submit the following report, that we meet with the Elizabeth Baptist Circle, Monroe, N. C., on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in Dec. 1927.

We, your committee on obituary, beg to make the following report. It has pleased our heavenly father to remove the following ones from our midst since our last convention. Deep Creek, Mrs Arlie Hinson. Long Pine, Mrs Lydia Ingram. Parsons Grove, sister Ellen Ricketts. White Oak, sister Martha Ann Pegues. Poplar Hill, sister Ellen Crowder. Let us bow in humble submission to him who doeth all things well. In the midst of much rejoicing we closed with a hearty handshake.

Thus ended one of the greatest meetings in the history of our work.

P. S. If anything is left out of the minutes that ought to be in, is due to the fact that the sec'y was out part of the time.

Treasurer's Report

To Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Union Auxiliary of the Zion Association. I beg leave to submit the following report, beginning Aug. 31 1926, and ending Aug. 31, 1927.

Receipts---Brought forward		$21.48
March	Union Meeting, Madison Grove	$104.37
June	" " Poplar Springs	63.23
Aug.	" " Brown Creek	102.41
	Total - -	$291.49

Disbursements---For foreign Missions	45.00
Representing in State Convention	25.00
" " " Association	10.00
To pastors where Union Meetings were held.	61.96
Donations to the sick	19.00
To Miss M A Burwell, through the Association for (E Monroe Circle) adopted child in Africa	20.00
Delegates, (Mrs C C Boulware) and president (Mrs A C Robinson) fares to State Con.	27.00
Delegates' fare to Lot Cary Con.	20.38
Officers and Board's Expenses	47.79
Board's expenses to Joint Board Meeting	5.50
Programs	5.25
Sec'y for service	5.00
To ministers for service	3.00
Sexton	3.00
Postage	2.27
To Sec'y for paper for minutes	10
Bal.	1.24

M. F. Little, Treasurer

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS	SECRETARY
Friendship	Mrs Hattie B Watts, Monroe, N C	Mrs Daisy Gray, Monroe, N C
Brown Creek	" Martha Streater, Wadesboro	" Fannie Simons, Wadesboro
Mt. Zion	" Wincie Crump,	" Monlie Buchanan, Polkton
New Grove	" Alice Sturdivant., route 1. Polkton	" Pearl McDaniel, "
Saron	" Gillie Hailey	" Nettie Polk "
Elizabeth M.	" A C Robinson, 321 ch. ave. Monroe	" Miss Ida Trull, Monroe
McLeans Grove	" Della Leak	Miss Annie Redfearn, chesterfield
New Zion	" Daisy Thomas, Peachland	Mrs Cora B Horne, Peachland
Nicy Grove	" Mary Crowder, Wingate	" Ellie Blakeny. Wingate
Elizabeth P D	" J w Diggs, route 1, Pee Dee	" Emma Pratt
Poplar Springs	" Alberta Davis, Polkton	Miss Narcissus Davis, Polkton
Deep Creek	" Julia C Bennett, route A, Wadesboro	Mrs M J Huntley
Parsons Grove	" V E Bennett, wadesboro	" H J Leak, wadesboro
Long Pine	" Luvenia Ledbetter, route 3, Peachland	
Ebenezer	" I S A Hilliard, Box 293, wadesboro	" G w Crowder, wadesboro
Rockford E.	' Annie C Martin, wadesboro	Miss Mary V Bennett, wadesboro
Gallilee	' caroline Billingsley, Oaksboro	Mrs Bessie watts, Oakboro
Chilson Grove	' Sallie Diggs, route 1, Pee Dee	
Meltonsville	' Mary E Ingram, route 2, Peachland	Mrs Jossie Presson, Mt, Crogan.S.C.
Fletchers Grove		
Ramah Grove	' Lenora chavis, route I, Box 28, Morven	Mrs Florence Marshall, McFarlan
White Oak Grove	' Amy Ratliff, Morven	' Mary Melton, route 1, Box I7
Pleasant Hill		
Sandy Ridge	' Josephine Little, route 2, Morven	' Josephine Bivens, 2, Morven
Madison Grove	' G W Baucum, route A, wadesboro	" Blanch L Smith, route 2, Morven
Poplar Hill	' Dora C Smith, route 1, Polkton	" Lilly Gaddy route 3, Peachland
Flat Rock	' Ethel Lilly, route A, wadesboro	" Lucy Gatewood, wadesboro
Rockford w	' Ida J Sullivan, route A. wadesboro	" Johnsie Watkins, wadesboro
Flint Ridge E	' Lola Chambers, route 1, Marshville	" Sarah Roland, route 1, Marshville
Flint Ridge w	' Georgeanna McClinton	" Emma Crowder, route 1, Monroe
Chambers Grove	' Emma Collins, route 3, Marshville	' Lolo C Chambers, route 3, Marshville
Rock Spring		
Mt. Moriah	' Lessie Rivers, Marshville, route 1	' Kate Crowder, route 1, Marshville
Cedar Creek	' Dora Gainey, route 2, Chesterfield	Miss Ida May Rorie, route, Wadesboro

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W. I. C. CIRCLES

Friendship		
Parsons Grove		
Ebenezer		
Elizabeth M		
White Oak Grove	Miss Violine Smith, route 2, Morven	Miss Nannie Ratliff, Morven
Rockford E		
Nicy Grove	Miss Lena Livingston, wingate	Miss Joselyn Maske, wingate
Poplar Spring	' Eva Thomas, Polkton, route 2,	' Fadella Brewer
Poplar Hill		
New Grove		
Elizabeth P.D.		
Mt. Zion		
Rockfork w		
Flat Rock	Nannie Gatewood, route A	Lelia Jones, route A. No. 251
Ramah Grove		
Rock Springs		
Long Pine	Anntha Covington, route A, wadesboro	

SUNSHINE BANDS

Elizabeth M		
Parsons Grove		
New Zion		
Rockford E		
Friendship M		
Nicy Grove	Mrs Mollie McCollough, Mother, Wingate	Deallar Barringer, Wingate
Poplar Springs	Dora Mae Davis, Polkton, route 2	Mary Davis, Polkton, route 2
Meltonsville		
Deep Creek		
Ebenezer w	Miss Harriet Little, route 1, Wadesboro	
Elizabeth P D		
Chilson Grove		
Rockford w	M A Leak, route 1, Polkton	Ellen Dean, route 1, Polkton
White Oak		
Poplar Hill	Miss Ila Tillman	Bessie Smith, route 1
Gallilee		
Sandy Ridge		
Ramah Grove	Miss Hattie Liles	Mrs D L Chavis, route 1, Morven
Flat Rock		
Deep Creek	Miss Ola Jane Tillman. R'te A Wades'oro,	Anna Ratliff route A, Wadesboro
New Grove	Amy Boggan, route 1, Polkton	Bernice Leak, r'te 1, Polkton